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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tobacco farmers are demanding increase in the Minimum Support Price;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that tobacco farmers get remunerative prices for their produce this year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices recommends the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for tobaccoln doing so, the Commission considers the views of the tobacco farmers and the Central Tobacco Research Institute.

(c) : Tobacco Board endeavours to assist farmers obtain remunerative prices by a number of measures which include, inter alia, attempts to maintain demand-supply balance through regulation of production, sale of tobacco through auction platforms and assistance in identifying export markets.